

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

RESOLUTION BY MR. BROWN.

That the Territories are the common property of the States, and that it is the privilege of the citizens of all the States to go into the Territories with every description of property recognized under the Constitution, and held under the laws of any of the States, &c.

January 18, 1860.—Submitted.

January 24, 1860.—Considered, and postponed to to-morrow at half-past one o'clock.

January 25, 1860.—Resumed, debated, and adjourned.

January 26, 1860.—Resumed, debated, and adjourned.

January 30, 1860.—Resumed, debated, amendment proposed, and postponed to Wednesday next at half-past one o'clock.

February 1, 1860.—Resumed, ordered to be printed with the proposed amendment, and postponed to, and made the special order for, to-morrow at half-past one o'clock.

RESOLUTION.

*Resolved*, That the Territories are the common property of all the States, and that it is the privilege of the citizens of all the States to go into the Territories with every kind or description of property recognized by the Constitution of the United States and held under the laws of any of the States, and that it is the constitutional duty of the law-making power, wherever lodged, or by whomsoever exercised, whether by the Congress or the territorial legislature, to enact such laws as may be found necessary for the adequate and sufficient protection of such property.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Territories be instructed to insert in any bill they may report for the organization of new Territories, a clause declaring it to be the duty of the territorial legislature to enact adequate and sufficient laws for the protection of all kinds of property, as above described, within the limits of the Territory, and that upon its failure or refusal to do so, it is the admitted duty of Congress to interpose and pass such laws.

The following amendment, submitted by Mr. Wilkinson to the above resolution January 30, 1860:

Strike out all after the word "Resolved," where it first occurs, and insert the following:

That the Territories are the common property of the *people* of the United States; that Congress has full power and authority to pass all laws necessary and proper for the government of such Territories; and that, in the exercise of such power, it is the duty of Congress so to legislate in relation to slavery therein that the interests of free labor may be encouraged and protected in such Territories.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Territories be instructed to insert in any bill they may report for the organization of new Territories a clause declaring that there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in such Territories, except in punishment for crime whereof the party has been duly convicted.